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PRIZE WINNERS AT THE CURRY COUNTY FAIR

Following is a Complete List of the Prize and Premium Winners at the County Fair, Held October 5 and 6. Sports to be Held Later

CATTLE.
Grade Bull, Any Age
M. V. Pigman, first; Pattison Bros., second; R. D. Elder, third.
Suckling Calf, Judged on Size
M. V. Pigman.
Suckling Calf, Judged on Quality
Mrs. W. B. Mersfelder.
Grade Durham Cow
M. V. Pigman, first; M. V. Pigman, second; Hugo Kleeman, third.
Registered Yearling Bull
J. D. Fleming.
Best Bull, Registered, Any Age
R. B. Rogers, first; J. D. Fleming, second; R. D. Elder, third.
Best Yearling Heifer
Reid & Bryan, first; R. D. Elder, second and J. D. Fleming, third.
Registered Hereford Cow
W. B. Mersfelder, first; R. B. Rogers, second; W. B. Mersfelder, third.
Grade Hereford Cow
C. C. McGee, first; D. T. Gentry, second; S. L. Pearson, third.
W. B. Mersfelder, first; H. W. Bell, second.
Jersey Cow, Grade
W. E. Mott, first; G. M. Bryan, second; B. M. Brizendine, third.
Holstein Cow, Grade
Durham Cow, Registered
J. D. Fleming, first; J. D. Fleming, second.
Sweepstakes, Bull
R. S. Triplett.
Sweepstakes, Cow
H. W. Bell.
HORSES AND MULES.
Best Team of Mules
S. E. Brown, first; J. M. Heinz, second.
Shetland Pony
Violet Messer, first; J. X. Dunlap, second; Roy Fable, third.
Yearling Mule Colt
S. D. Doyle, first; S. D. Doyle, second.
Two Year Old Mule
J. C. Farris, first; Jim Holden, second.
Two Year Old Horse or Filly
H. A. Neal, first; J. W. Mordecai, second.
Team of Draft Horses
Reid & Bryan, first; O. E. Henson, second.
Jack
Chas. Gamble, first; J. C. Carnahan, second.
Brood Mare
J. L. Bell, first; H. A. Neal, second.
Heavy Stallion, Complimentary
W. B. Odell.
Suckling Horse Colt
Z. N. Harvey, first; Robert Humphrey, second.
Suckling Mule Colt
M. A. Tidwell, first; D. P. Whitner, second.
Yearling Horse Colt
W. T. Snell, first; J. B. Bills, second.
Sweepstakes, Stallion
R. E. Batt.
Best Stallion
L. C. Bradshaw, first; E. E. Hickman, second.
Best Stallion, Complimentary
H. S. Burnham, first; H. S. Burnham, second.
HOG PRIZE WINNERS
Barred Rocks
Poland China Sows
J. D. Fleming.
Poland China Boar
J. D. Fleming.
Pair of Pigs
V. Tate.
Duroc Jersey Boar
J. M. Heinz, first; Cash Ramey, second; Cash Ramey, third.
Duroc Jersey Sow
W. G. Snell.
Berkshire Sow
T. A. Morris.
Sweepstakes Boar
T. A. Morris.
Sweepstakes Sow
T. A. Morris.
POULTRY PRIZE WINNERS
Harley Curry, first; J. W. Cawthon, second; Frank Curry, third.
Black Minorcas
Viers, first; Hugo Kleeman, second.
Bantams
Mr. Heinz, first; Mr. Collins, second.

NELS DARLING SPEAKS AT ROUSING MEETING

Chautauqua Speaker Addresses Business Men of Clovis at Chamber of Commerce Meeting and Gives Them Some Good Pointers on Community Building

Nels Darling was here and the town has been greatly benefited by his coming. Not in a religious sense, but in a get together, shoulder-to-shoulder business sense. One that has for its object the upbuilding of the town and community. Mr. Darling, who is a speaker of national prominence made an address on community building Thursday night and Friday night, but his talk at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Saturday night, was probably the best of all. Darling is not an ex-preacher, ex-editor, ex-school teacher or ex-lawyer and his lectures are not of the dry statistical sort, but of current topics and being interspersed with jokes makes him one of the most interesting speakers in the country. He is original and with ample experience in affairs to know exactly whereof he speaks. In fact the majority of his illustrations are from personal experiences. Darling was persuaded to remain over another day to speak to the business men at the Chamber of Commerce Saturday night. A lunch was provided and a large crowd responded to the call. The speaker centered his remarks principally on how to resurrect the Chamber of Commerce and to keep it resurrected. He advocated a plan of membership, such as was adopted here several years ago and favored the employment of an outside man for secretary at a salary of not less than \$150.00 a month. He would then saddle enough work on the secretary to keep him busy all the time.

Among his duties would be to look after worthy charity and when those seeking financial aid called on the business man he could simply refer him to the secretary who would investigate the case and if the cause is worthy, extend the assistance through the Chamber of Commerce funds. He would have the secretary act as advertising director and when the placard directory fakir, the cook book solicitor or other advertising grafters called on the merchant, he could, with perfect grace and ease send him to the secretary for his approval or disapproval of the plan as the case may be. He appealed to the business men to advertise and support their home newspapers and to above all patronize home industry. The mail order houses came in for some hot shots and he suggested ways and means to overcome the evil. The co-operation of merchant and farmer was also touched upon and plans suggested for the unification of the two. Those present after hearing the remarks of Mr. Darling were so much imbued with the spirit of community building that it was not difficult to induce them to talk on the subjects outlined. Some of the best of these talks were made by Alex Shipley, Cash Ramey, John Barry, A. W. Johnson and Chas Dennis. The Chamber adjourned to meet again next Monday night, when a good attendance of business men is expected for the purpose of organizing a campaign to put Clovis on the map. Be sure and go.

Girls Make Hit

The Albuquerque Journal commenting on the appearance of Clovis Girls' band at the Albuquerque fair says:

"The young ladies from Clovis, with their blue blouses and skirts and red hats and red ties, formed one of the principal attractions of the day, and received an ovation from the crowded stands at the park. Not only were they good to look upon, but they also measured up to a high standard of musical excellence and made one of the biggest hits scored by any attraction that has yet appeared at the fair."

The Herald says:
The Clovis Girls' band, one of the first-class musical attractions of the fair this year, arrived last night in a special car. They made their first appearance at the state fair this afternoon, attracting much attention.

Boy Cut With Wire

Carl, the 15 year old son of I. T. Moore, who resides one half mile southeast of Clovis, was seriously injured Tuesday evening when a horse, which he was riding, became frightened and dashed into a barbed wire fence cutting his leg to the bone. He was unable to become disentangled from the wire until he fell from the horse and in this manner his leg was cut in several places. The wound is such a bad one that amputation may be necessary.

N. M. Exhibit N. G.

Alex Shipley, president of the Clovis National Bank, returned from a visit to the expositions last week and in response to an inquiry how he liked the New Mexico building at San Diego, replied the building was alright and attractive, but at that it stopped. "The displays are a discredit and disgrace to the state—nothing particularly to attract the attention of the tourist and not an agricultural display of any kind." He considered that the Curry County fair made a better showing than the San Diego exhibit, with its shirt tail full of mineral specimens, a few curios and the pictures of the Governors. Where did that \$100,000 appropriation go?

Clovis Gets M. E. Conference

Score another one for Clovis, if you please. A message has been received from Rev. J. H. Messer that Clovis has been selected as the meeting place for the Methodist Conference which embraces New Mexico and west Texas. It will mean that over 150 preachers will assemble here during the conference meeting next year. The good news also comes that Rev. Messer has been returned to Clovis.

Paul Coldren, mayor of Muleshoe, Texas, was in the city Sunday and Monday.

CHESHER GETS MANSLAUGHTER AND DICKENS SECOND DEGREE

Sentence of Former Can be From One to Ten Years and the Latter From Three to Ninety-Nine Years in the State Penitentiary

The jury in the Lem Chesher case returned a verdict Saturday finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter and recommended clemency. The Chesher case had occupied the entire attention of the court from the time it convened until the verdict was rendered. The penalty for manslaughter is from one to ten years in the state penitentiary at hard labor. The crime for which Chesher was found guilty was the killing of Sam Byers in a Texico saloon last year. The prosecution alleged that the defendant lured his victim into the saloon to take a drink and there took his life. The defendant set up a claim of self defense alleging that the deceased made a motion for his hip pocket as if to draw his gun and that the defendant beat him to it. The gun was not produced in evidence nor was it clearly established that the deceased had a gun at the time. They had some difficulty at Portales previously and the defendant had heard that the deceased was looking for him to kill him. The court will pronounce sentence Saturday. Of more interest in Clovis than the Chesher case was that of T. M. Dickens, who was tried for the killing of A. S. Combs. The crime was committed in Clovis last summer and the defendant has since been confined in the county jail in default of bond awaiting trial. The jury brought in a verdict Wednesday finding the defendant guilty of murder in the second degree. The penalty is from three years to 99 years. Sentence will probably be pronounced on both defendants at the same time, after which an appeal to the supreme court will be taken. The court room was crowded during the trial of Dickens, not so much because of the nature of the crime or the interest in the fate of Dickens, who is practically a stranger here, but because of the wide acquaintance and popularity of the deceased. Combs was employed as head blacksmith for the Santa Fe and Dickens was recently employed as helper. Some difficulty arose between them regarding their work and Dickens struck Combs a violent blow over the head with a "flattener" or flattening hammer. He lingered for several days at the Santa Fe hospital where he died. Dickens stated to other employees at the time that the reason that he struck Combs was because he had been called a foul name. Later he alleged that Combs first tried to strike him with a heavy piece of iron and this was his defense at the trial. Attorney O. O. Askren assisted district attorney K. K. Scott and Patton and Bratton appeared for the defense.

Following are the names of the jurors in the Chesher case: H. M. Jones, I. C. Johnson, S. W. Brooks, John M. Crain, E. C. Hoffman, Larkin Ford, W. B. Sledge, Bert McCullough, H. H. Bostic, E. E. Bundy, W. W. Engram, J. F. Vineyard. The following composed the jury in the Dickens case: J. F. Curry, Seymore Halsey, Grover Cogdill, W. W. Polk, Jas Torbett, C. A. Smith, C. M. Clingman, W. R. Hughes, Darryl Winn, J. F. Monday, F. E. Dent and A. C. Grissom.

District Court Proceedings

The mills of the gods grind slowly, but the mills of justice in Curry county are turning out the cases at a lively clip. With the disposition of the two murder cases, the court is now finding an opportunity to dispose of some of the new criminal cases in which the indictments were returned at this session. B. F. Davis, who was charged with giving liquor to a prisoner in the county jail, plead guilty Thursday and was sentenced to one year and a day. The Ed Mears case for selling liquor without license, the John Herne case for selling liquor on election day and the Sadler case for displaying a gun, have been continued until next term. In the case of W. L. Brady charged with perjury in connection with the Herne case, the jury disagreed standing eight for conviction to four for acquittal. After being out all night and day, the jury was discharged. The case is reset for next term.

Hung Jury in Brady Case

An important case coming up before this term of the District court was the perjury charge against W. L. Brady of Claud. It was alleged that the defendant perjured himself in his testimony before the last grand jury, inasmuch as he had verbally

stated to officers that he had procured liquor on election day and had testified to the contrary in his testimony before the grand jury. The case went to the jury Thursday morning and have since informed the court that they were hopelessly unable to agree.

Pollard Gets Two Years

William J. Pollard, aged 23, who was arrested charged with white slavery and who was confined in the county jail until recently when he taken before the federal court at Santa Fe. When arraigned before Judge Pope Thursday he plead guilty and was sentenced to two years in the federal penitentiary at Ft Leavenworth.

Tucumcari Goes Wet

In one of the warmest prohibition elections ever waged in New Mexico, the wets won in the Tucumcari election Wednesday by a majority of only six votes. Both sides battled to the last with every ounce of energy. and it was not until the last votes were counted that there was any intimation of the result. It was known however, from the beginning that the forces were about equally divided and that it was no "cinch" either way. The election will be contested.